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1. DEPT FULLY CONCURS IN EMBASSY INTENTION TO AVOID DRAWING ANY POSSIBLE CONNECTION BETWEEN PARACELS AND SENKAKUS. (PARA 6 REFTEL) USG POSITION RE SOVEREIGNTY OF SENKAKUS REMAINS AS CONSISTENTLY STATED IN OUR PRESS GUIDANCE SINCE TIME OF OKINAWA REVERSION AND RESTATED BELOW.

2. QUOTE: UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE TREATY OF PEACE WITH JAPAN THE UNITED STATES ACQUIRED ADMINISTRATIVE RIGHTS OVER "NANSEI SHOTO," INCLUDING THE RYUKYU ISLANDS, SOUTH OF 29 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE. THE TERM "NANSEI SHOTO" WAS UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE THE SENKAKU ISLANDS, WHICH WERE UNDER JAPANESE ADMINISTRATION AT THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND WHICH WERE NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN THE TREATY.

ON MAY 15, 1972 THE UNITED STATES RELINQUISHED TO JAPAN ALL OF THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OVER THE TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE SENKAKU ISLANDS, WHICH WE HAD BEEN ADMINISTERING UNDER ARTICLE 3 OF THE TREATY OF PEACE.

WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT BY RETURNING ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OVER THESE ISLANDS TO JAPAN, THE

UNITED STATES HAS NOT ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE SENKAKUS, WHICH, OF COURSE, PREDATE OUR CONNECTION WITH THE RYUKYUS. END QUOTE.

3. ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON ABOVE STATEMENT AS NEEDED IN RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL OR MEDIA INQUIRIES. KISSINGER

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